

Tuesday—June 8th—6 PM

*** **Bellevue Botanical Garden** ***

12001 Main Street, Bellevue, WA

(See map at www.bellevuebotanical.org/visitor/fmdirections.htm)

Free table favor plants—a species auction— and raffle of Rhododendrons.

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JUNE MEETING—FOOD, ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING, AND ELECTIONS

Please note the change in the meeting location, and an hour earlier than usual.

It's that time of year again when we have our annual meeting and potluck.

Let's hope the current dismal wet weather we are having comes to an end so we can enjoy our dinner on the Bellevue Botanical Gardens patio. For those of you who have not been there before there is a link above to get a map.

Food—the important part; please bring enough to share using the following guidelines for your last name:

A—G Dessert

H—N Main Entrée Dish

O—Z Salad, Vegetable, or side dish

Bring your own dining service and favorite beverage. (No alcohol please—BBG policy.) Coffee and tea will be provided.

Following dinner we will have our annual meeting and elections of officers. Hope to see all of you there.

Don Smart, Editor

MAY PROGRAM—RHODODENDRONS IN NEW ZEALAND—DENIS HUGHES

A great big thanks to Denis Hughes, of Blue Mountain Nurseries, one of New Zealand's best known rhododendron nurseries.

He gave us a great tour of both the South Island of New Zealand and his nursery. He also showed us what great rhododendrons

and azaleas they are growing and selling down there. I know some of you have been to NZ, but it made the rest of want to take a trip, too. Thanks also go to Fred and Ann Whitney for bringing him to our meeting. I saw Denis at the ARS Convention in NY and he thanked everyone for their wonderful hospitality.

Editor

TREAT TIME!

No treats are required this meeting since we are all bringing food. I would like to thank all of you for sharing your desserts with us this past year and over the past number of years. Carolyn Smart will be taking over as "Sunshine Lady" next year.
Coleen George—The Retiring Sunshine Lady

RANDY JONES—PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I would like to extend my heartfelt appreciations to all who participated in the Cascade Chapter Spring Show and Sale at the Bellevue Botanical Gardens. The show and sale proved successful by every measure. We were fortunate that Mother Nature chose to provide us mild beautiful weather and the City of Bellevue provided a wonderful garden setting.

It seemed as if every person there enjoyed themselves, chapter members and garden visitors alike. Many of you may have noticed this year's show format was in many

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\$35.00 Annual Membership fee or \$8.00 for Associate Membership if already a member of another ARS Chapter.

ways different than shows in years past. It was referred to as a “non-judged show”, but in actuality it was judged by the garden visitors over a two day period.



The Beauty from Our Gardens—Photo: Jo Scott

There was an element of public interest that I had not seen before at “judged shows” that I had attended or had participated in as a judge or an exhibitor. The garden visitors really seemed excited at the prospect of potentially being the deciding vote of what would be determined to be the best of show or category. In past judged shows people normally walk past and look at the ribbons and occasionally uttering a comment such as “nice looking flower”, or “why did that get a red ribbon and not a blue?”

As active participants this year the visitors seemed genuinely interested and were closely examining the trusses and inquiring about the plants that blooms came from. Under the tutelage of Bob George, Doug Crane, and Bonnie Campbell even apparent novices were appraising the trusses in an informed matter. As guests entered the showing area all were given a ballot that was broken down into the categories similar to what a typical judged show would use; lepidote and elepidote categories were combined for simplification, leaving judging to six color groups, new hybrids, species, and azaleas. This differed from the usual category of “people’s choice” ballot that most non-judged shows use. Using this arrangement enabled the show to become an educational occasion for the general public. The judging process was eagerly seized by our chapter members and spectators alike. I witnessed more lively interaction between chapter members and the general public than I can recall at any prior “judged” shows. I naturally hope that the newly attained knowledge gained by Saturday’s and Sunday’s “judges” will develop into an interest that poten-

tially matures into a passion.

I honestly believe that the success of the plant show carried over to the sales area, and was largely due to the attentiveness shown by our chapter members in their dealings with garden visitors. The display of enthusiasm can be contagious when selling plants and we enjoyed a very positive interaction with the customers. Unlike some previous year’s plant sales we stocked a greater number of larger plants, a variety of small plants, and a selection of species plants. I did notice that the some people who didn’t want to purchase large plant were extremely happy to find a small (4”) low priced plant that they could attain. A real benefit became evident as we could sell a plant that didn’t cost much that was an iron-clad proven performer to a customer who was afraid of that they would kill a \$20 or \$30 plant. During the process of selling plants we found this to be a time to develop a rapport with an individual, as well as presenting an educational opportunity as to the culture needs of the rhododendron; with the sale of the plant we would provide a summary of the benefits of belonging to the American Rhododendron Society. All of the plants that were sold to the public had a plant tag attached that have the Cascade Chapter’s contact information and plant



Ballots—Tare Michaels and Doug Crane—Photo: Jo Scott

cultivation information. The plant tags I expect will pay future dividends with prospective members as they will be able to refer back to our tags. It was fun to see some ideas that we had bounced around for months come to fruition. The plant sale was very successful and recognition should go to Dee Smith, David Sherbrooke, and David Doherty who were instrumental in orchestrating the plant sale.

Thank you to everyone for giving me the opportunity to have been president of the Cascade Chapter for the



Cascade Chapter Treasurer's Report
2009/10
End of Chapter Year June 2010
By: Bob George, Treasurer

Checking Account #0000000	\$ 2,023.19
Savings Account #0000000	\$ 87.28
CD #1 Account #0000000	\$ 8,244.41
CD #2 Account #0000000 (memorial fund + 5,000.00)	\$ 9,802.35

CHAPTER INCOME:

Chapter membership 60 @ \$5.00	\$ 300.00
return of seed money	300.00
Chapter raffle sales est.	\$ 270.00
Income from May plant sale	\$ 543.60

CHAPTER EXPENCES:

Meeting place 8 X \$55.00	\$ 440.00
Plants for sale some plants left over	\$ 860.00
News letter & Postage	\$ 148.56
Speakers	\$ 350.00
Dues to local & National Groups	\$ 342.75
Insurance	\$ 110.00
Internet charge	\$ 134.73
10% fee to Bellevue Parks from sale	\$ 60.30

MEMORIAL NAMES:

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| Ernest Dzurick | Art Haines |
| James Wood | Frances Sherbrooke |
| Delia Whitfield | Robert Smith |
| Howard Short | Harry Davidson |
| Pearl Nelson | Gordon Heyduck |
| Marie Daniels | Bob McKenney |

past year.
Randy Jones, President

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING OF CASCADE CHAPTER

It is that time of year that we have our annual chapter business meeting and we want you there to vote on new officers for 2009-10.

We also will be electing new officers. The nominees

- are:
- President: Doug Crane
 - Vice President: Don Smart
 - Secretary: Charlene Jones
 - Treasurer: Bob George
 - Director: David Sherbrooke—(2013)
 - Director: Alan Sears—(2012)
 - Director: Tom Thomas—(2011)
 - Randy Jones moves to Past President

As always, additional nominations are gladly accepted during the meeting. We encourage more of you to get involved in the chapters business and guidance. New ideas are always encouraged.

We will also be reviewing our chapter treasurer's report which is shown on page 3.

Don Smart, Editor and Past President

TREASURER'S REPORT—LOTS OF WORK

As you look at the treasurer's report on the next page, I'd like you to consider the amount of work that our treasurer, **Bob George** does during the year that end's up a seemingly small one page report.

Bob must keep track of the money coming in and going out from our chapter treasury. All of these transactions are what makes up the report you see. So, a little explanation may be needed.

Our "operating" assets are reflected in Checking, Savings, and CD #1. These are the funds that we use to pay for expenses like our meeting room, speakers, newsletter, plants, etc. CD #2 is our "endowment fund" for lack of a better word. This fund is not touched for regular expenses, but the interest, (what little there is these days), is to be used for our show trophies and ribbons. These funds are the result of 1 large donation several years ago, and money donated in the name of some of our members who have passed on. Their names are listed under the memorials, and trophies are issued in their names.

As to the rest of the report, Income and Expenses are pretty self explanatory. But I really wanted to let you know where and who all of this information, summarized on one short page, comes from.

Bob is not only the treasurer, but he is also, by default, our membership chairman with all of the work that goes with this job.

The membership chairman must coordinate all of our membership activities—new memberships, renewals, and changes to a members information to keep the ARS roles up to date. He is in contact with the ARS Executive Director and must check the chapter's data each month on the official ARS Office website. This data includes changes to membership that may come from on-line activities on the ARS website. It also includes our financial reports that must be kept in balance. These things change monthly, not just in the months when the chapter is meeting.

Then around August he gets a package in the mail from the ARS that has all of our renewal information and envelopes that you receive from Bob and I in your September newsletter. Not everyone is as prompt as you are in getting your renewal back to Bob, so he must start calling people to remind them. Bob is a gentle person and that is not one of his favorite jobs, remember that this fall.

We own a big debt of gratitude to **Bob George** for all

of the work he does behind the curtain.

Don Smart, Editor

PLANT OF THE MONTH—DOROTHY BISHOP

Dorothy Bishop is a cross of (Hachmann's Charmant x Lem's Cameo). It is a medium growing plant. The plant was named for a very gracious lady 97 years old living in England.



Dorothy Bishop—Photo: Jim Barlup

Cuttings are slowly getting around to growers. Hazelwood Gardens has had the plant for sale and they are propagating it.

Jim Barlup, Member and Hybridizer Extraordinaire

ARS CONVENTIONS AND CONFERENCES

As most of you know, the ARS hold an Annual Spring Convention and usually a Fall Regional Conference.

This year's Convention was held on Long Island, NY. Cascade chapter was represented by me, and **Deane and Charlotte Smith** and his sister, (and new member of our chapter), **Shirley Cotter**. I will be writing more about this and the gardens we saw in a future article.

Mark your calendars for this fall, though, and a trip to the Oregon coast for the Western Fall Regional. The dates are Friday, October 8 through Sunday, October 10, 2010. Since Sunday is 10/10/10, they are advertising this conference as a **perfect 10**. You should not miss this one!

Don Smart, Editor

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

We have 2 new members in our chapter. **Shirley Cotter** mentioned above joined last month. She lives in West Seattle.

This month during our plant sale, **Garreth Jeffers**, from Shoreline joined our group.

Welcome to our chapter and I hope see you at our meeting in June.

Don Smart, Editor

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Have a **GREAT** summer!

***** ***DOLLAR TABLE*** *****

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bring a plant or do both!**

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BOARD MEETINGS:

Board Meetings are usually held on the **Monday following our Chapter Meeting**. Any member is welcome at the Board Meeting. If you have an idea or agenda item that you believe the Board should consider, please call Don Smart 425-333-6178 . Or just come and see what goes on behind the scenes.

CASCADE CHAPTER 2007-2008 CALENDAR

YEAR MONTH - DAY EVENT

2010 June 8 Cascade annual meeting and potluck—Bellevue Botanical Garden—6PM
Cascade Chapter Annual Business Meeting and Potluck also means elections for officers and directors for next year!

2010 September 12 Cascade Fall kick-off meeting—Sunday picnic and BBQ—David Hughes Garden

2010 October 8-10 ARS Western Regional Conference, Florence, OR